

the TROY MUSEUM GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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PICNIC PLANNED FOR AUGUST

Mark August 19, 1979 on your calendar now! On that Sunday all Museum supporters will gather for an old time picnic. Sponsored by the Troy Historical Society, this will be on a "BYOP" basis (which means "bring your own Picnic"). Word has it that we'll make our own ice cream and be able to participate in a number of lawn games such as badminton, volleyball, horseshoes, softball, etc. Planned as a social event, bring your family and share in the fun.

If you have a portable grill please bring it along so we can barbeque chicken, cook the hot dogs or hamburgers, or prepare a good steak. If you have any questions please contact Bea Gladson or Peg Ayers.

ANOTHER TRAINING SESSION PLANNED

The training program for all Guild members will continue in July. Morris Wattles will act as moderator and complete, descriptive information will be given on the Pioneer Room. Morris was Township Supervisor when the building was constructed and has much to offer as background and history of the room. Handbooks are being prepared now so please plan on joining us on Wednesday, July 25, at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks to the efforts of Alison Nunney, Joe Howey, and Domonic Formaro (the Museum's new CETA Special Projects employee) a handsome informative brochure has been compiled for your ready reference. We will continue the training sessions until all the rooms and buildings have been covered. At the end of the first training period, you should have a complete series of handbooks covering all aspects of the Museum. In turn, the handbooks will be combined to form a training manual for all new and old guides.

All Guild members should attend these training sessions. They will be mandatory for all new members who join. Bring paper and pencil, ask a lot of questions, share your own knowledge about the artifacts, and prepare yourself to make each tour you give a meaningful education experience for each visitor.

COMMITTEES FORMED BY AYERS

Peg Ayers, chairperson of the Guild has appointed two committees to assist in the operation of the Guild. The "Birthday Committ" will be headed by Muriel Darga who will arrange once a month celebrations for members whose birthday falls within that month.

Mary Meyers will head the "Projects Committee" to assist in the planning of trips and craft sessions for the Guild membership. If you have any comments or suggestions, or would like to serve on one of the committees please contact Peg.

GUILD CRAFT WORKSHOPS COMING IN FALL

Two craft workshops are being planned for the Fall. In September, Hazel Shubert or one of her friends will conduct a session on egg decorating. If you would like to learn the art of decorating eggs and if you need special Christmas ornaments plan to attend this session.

As many of you know, Bev Garside (that very talented lady) is an expert at needlepoint. She or an affiliate will hold a workshop in October. Bev will also display some of her work for your enjoyment. Dates and times have yet to be set, but we will keep you posted.

MARGARET FREIWALD RETURNS

After a five month "leave of absence", Margaret Freiwald has returned to the Guild as an active member. She will continue as Secretary for the Guild and she will work with Joe Howey and

Alison Nunney on developing a training manual for all new Guild members. Margaret has been actively involved with Museums in Dearborn and Detroit as well as ours. She brings extensive knowledge about Museums with her and is always willing to share what she has learned. A quiet, gentle lady, she relates well to visitors and provides one of the most educational tours we offer. If you don't know Margaret, introduce yourself, and find out for yourself just how charming she really is -- she's full of useful information so pick her brains. Welcome back Margaret!

FEDERAL FUNDS HELP MUSEUM

Under the provision of a federal grant, the Museum will hire one or two full-time people to work on two special projects. The Comprehensive Education and Training Assistance program, commonly referred to as CETA, will provide us the opportunity of completing an inventory of all the Museum's holdings and making sure our records are complete, accurate, and useable. Another project we will be working on is the development of outreach programs for the Museum. This might include school visits, traveling exhibits, educational and community awareness programs.

Domonic Fomaro has been the first person hired under this federal program. He is under Mr. Howey's supervision until a new Curator is hired. Dom is very energetic and promises to do a good job during this 16 month program. An additional person may be hired soon. More on this later.

MUSEUM PERSONNEL CHANGES

As many of you know, Kate Maddy has resigned. This matter was discussed at the June meeting of the Guild where Joe Howey, Museum Director, and Jeanine Jensen, Chairperson of the Historical Commission, explained in detail the organization and operation of the Museum. Contact Joe Howey if you have any further questions.

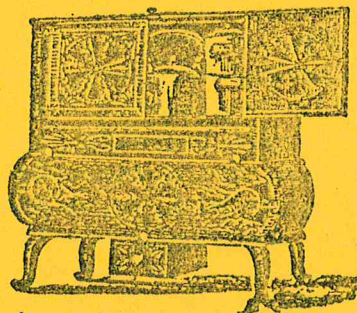
Friday, July 13, 1979 was Muriel Gordon's last day at the Museum. Feeling a need to continue her education, Muriel has decided to devote more time pursuing her interest in and love for research, geneology, and archives.

Fortunately, she has decided to remain an active member of the Guild and the Historical Society. Muriel and her husband, John, plan many mini-vacations throughout the summer months but she will be back in the fall.

Mrs. Raleigh Bodenbach has been hired by the Museum as Registrar. Brenda has been a resident of Troy for 26 years and is familiar with the history, growth, and development of the city. She has worked at a variety of jobs and most recently was Secretary of the Library. Brenda is familiar with City policies and procedures already knows many of the Historical Commission and Guild members, and should prove to be a valuable asset to our Museum. As Registrar, Brenda will be responsible for keeping records on the Museum's collections and acting as staff coordinator/liaison for volunteer activities. Maintenance of the Museum library and research collection is also a prime responsibility of the Registrar.

We will keep you posted of other staff changes in future newsletters. Please come in and meet the new employees. News about a new Curator should be coming out in September.

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